



BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH **75th RANGER REGIMENT**

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COL. RICHARD D. CLARKE **Incoming Regimental Commanding Officer** Assumed command on August 9, 2007

Colonel Richard D. Clarke Jr. was born in Stuttgart, Germany and raised in an Army family. He was commissioned in the infantry from the U.S. Military Academy in 1984.

Prior to assuming command of the 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga., Clarke commanded 1st Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Savannah, Ga.

Clarke has served as a rifle platoon leader, aide de camp for the Assistant Division Commander of Maneuver and Battalion S-1 with 1st Battalion, 48th Infantry, 3rd Armored Division. Clarke has command companies at Fort Campbell in the 2/502 IN and the 101st Long Range Surveillance Detachment. As the LRSD commander, Clarke deployed to Operation Desert Storm. Other assignments include the 75th Ranger Regiment, Regimental training officer and commander of the Regimental Reconnaissance Detachment; Company Commander, B Company, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. Clarke served as battalion operations officer and executive officer with 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry (MECH), as the Brigade Executive Officer and Deputy Commander for the 173rd Airborne Brigade; and commander 3-504 PIR at Fort Bragg, N.C. where he participated in combat deployments in support of operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.



Clarke is a graduate of the Infantry Officers Basic and Advanced Course, the Army Command and General Staff College and recently completed a year of study at the National War College in Washington, D.C.

Clarke's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (w/4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (w/4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal (w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (w/ 7 Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Medal (w/ Bronze Star), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Afghanistan Service Medal. He has been awarded the Air Assault Badge, Combat Infantryman's Badge (2nd Award), Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Military Freefall Parachutist Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

Clarke is married to the former Suzanne Stovall of Beaufort, SC. They have two children, Madeleine, 9 and Will, 6.